

November 2026

THE OLIVE BRANCH

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Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

Ringoes, New Jersey

November Events

1 All Saints Day
9:30 Communion
🔔 Bells of Kirkpatrick playing
Daylight Savings Time
2 6:30 Scout Committee Mtg
3 Election Day
6:30 Deacons Meeting
11 Veteran's Day
17 7:30 Session Meeting
18 6:30 Troup 61 in Gym
21 Grocery Giveaway
23 Olive Branch Articles Due
26 Thanksgiving Day
29 1st Day of Advent

Weekly

Sun	9:30am Worship
Mon	6:30pm Troop 65
Tue	8:00pm AA
Wed	7:30am Men's Book Study
	6:00pm Bell Rehearsal
	7:00pm Band Rehearsal
Thu	9:30am Ladies Bible Study
	8:00pm AA
Sat	4:00pm AA

Staff Vacations

9th Regan Off

View our calendar on our website

Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,
November reminds us that even in the middle of chilly weather, busy schedules, and family gatherings that may require a little extra patience, there is always something for which to give thanks. Sometimes it's the big things, like family, friends, and good health. Other times, it's the little things, like a warm blanket, a piece of pumpkin pie, or discovering that someone else volunteered to do the dishes!
This month is the time to slow down, enjoy the beauty of autumn, and remember the many blessings God has given us. As we prepare for Thanksgiving, it is easy to get caught up in holiday plans and busy schedules. Yet this season, this month, reminds us to pause and give thanks.
We have so much to be thankful for as a church family: the friendships we share, the prayers we offer, the kindness we extend to others, and the opportunity to worship and serve together. Often, God's greatest gifts are found in the simple things—a warm smile, a helping hand, a phone call from a friend, or the comfort of knowing we are not alone.
We also recognize that Thanksgiving can be difficult for those who are grieving, feeling lonely, or facing challenges. May we be especially mindful of one another during this season, offering compassion, encouragement, and a reminder that God's love remains with us through every season of life.
As we count our blessings, may we also look for ways to bless others. A small act of kindness can make a great difference, and a grateful heart can help us see God's goodness in unexpected places.
I am thankful for each of you and for the privilege of serving together at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church. May your November be filled with gratitude, peace, and the joy of God's enduring love.
"Give thanks in all circumstances."
— 1 Thessalonians 5:18
In Christ's love,
Pastor Barbara

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Food Ministry

Our next Grocery Giveaway is November 21

In October, we gave away 19 bags of groceries.

Thanksgiving Baskets

As we give thanks to Jesus for our many blessings this year, let us honor him by serving others. As Thanksgiving Day approaches and you go shopping for ingredients to create that special family meal, please keep in mind that not every family in our community is as fortunate. The Deacons are asking our church family to help meet the needs of our community this year by picking up a few extra food items that will be made into Thanksgiving baskets. Please take this shopping list with you as a friendly reminder. Anything on the following list would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to donate, please leave the items in the bin in the Connector marked "Deacons Food Drive." Thank you for your support! All donations should be in by Nov. 18.

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Cereal
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Apple Sauce
Pasta Sauce & Pasta Sauce
Frozen turkeys/small hams
Turkey Gravy
Stuffing Mix
Boxed Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Vegetables
Canned Soup
Tuna Fish
Large Cans of Chicken
Canned Fruit
Rice
Beans
Macaroni & Cheese



Come join us for Sunday Worship

If you cannot join us in person at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning in the sanctuary, please join us via Zoom.

Topic: Sunday Worship Service
Time: 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/673176006
Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 673 176 006



Please share the link with friends, neighbors, relatives -- online worship can be a great outreach for us!

November 2026 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion	Flowers
All Saints 11/1/2026	Pastor Barbara	Kim/David			Communion	
11/8/2026	Pastor Barbara	Debi			No Communion	
11/15/2026	Pastor Barbara	Jim D			No Communion	
Christ the King 11/22/2026	Pastor Barbara	Roger			No Communion	
Advent 1 11/29/2026	Pastor Barbara	Sue			No Communion	

Deacon's November 2026 Prayer List

KMPC Family
Alan B (Healing)
Angie B (Healing)
Bart C (Peace and Comfort)
Betty R (Healing)
Erik Z (God's Guidance, Healing)
Jeanne M. (Peace and Comfort)
Luke V (God's protection)
Lynn H. (God's Guidance)
Lori (God's Guidance, Healing)
Shellenberger family (Grief)
Steve L (Healing)
Mike K. (God's Guidance)
Norma C (Healing, Peace and Comfort)
Norma Z. (Healing)
Renata - (God's guidance)

Caregivers
Families, Homebound, Hospice

Assisted living/ Homebound
Chuck & Jean M
Bart and Norma

Extended KMPC Family
Aurila - Kim F's friend (Healing)
Bamford Family - Kim F's friends (Grief)
Beverly - Kathy L's friend (Cancer, Healing)
Brandi - Linda H's niece (God's guidance, Healing)
Brenda Danner - (Cancer, Overall Healing)
Cindy - Pat W's niece (God's guidance)
Edward G - Jan G's son (Healing)
Ferrell family - (Grief)
Janice L - Steve L's wife (Healing)
Joel - Mike K's friend (Healing)
Karcher Family - Ellie V's friends (Grief, Support)
Karen - Sue K's friend (Healing)
Keith - Mike K's friend (Surgery, Healing)
Kel - Sue K's friend (Cancer, Healing)
Lea - Tracy's friend (Healing)
Leslie - Steve L's friend (Healing)
Mary - Sue K's friend (Cancer, Healing)
MaryJo - Susan B's cousin (Healing)
Megan - Kathy L's niece (Healing)
Melissa - Linda H's daughter (Surgery, Healing)
Michael - Tracy's brother (Healing)
Nancy - Kathy L's friend (Healing)
Natalie - Steve L's sister (Surgery, Healing)
Orlando - Jim H's friend (God's guidance)
Pam H. - Tracy's friend (Peace, comfort, and overall healing)
Patty - Pat W's cousin (Healing)
Shirley - Lynn H's mother (Healing)
Stef - Lynn H.'s daughter (Peace)
Steve F - (Parkinsons)
Tyrone - Jim D's friend (Healing)
Val- (Overall healing)

U.S. and World Situations
Children affected by war
Christians in Nigeria
First Responders
Military Men & Women and their Families
President & Congress
Prisoners
Refugees
Shooting Victims
Students and Teachers
Those affected by weather; fires;
economic distress; illnesses; and disease
Those reconciling broken relationships
Travelers
Troubled youth
U.S. & World Situations
Unemployed
Unhoused
Victims of Violence and war
World Peace

Please contact Tracy McClelland know of any new request, if your prayer is no longer needed, or if you would like your request re-added.



Brian C.	1st	Karen S.	21st
Logan B.	8th	Wren V.	23rd
Don R	10th	Annie D.	27th
Breanna F.	12th	Darryl C.	30th
Ellie V.	13th		
Adam S.	14th		
Pat P.	16th		
Barbara B.	21st		



Emily & Joe R.	2nd
Darryl & Nancy C.	11th
Barry & Jennifer B.	13th
James & Mildred L.	14th



Thank You from Pastor Barbara

Dear KMPC family,

Thank you so much for your kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness for Pastor Appreciation Month. I am truly touched by your many expressions of love and appreciation. Your kind words, thoughtful gestures, and generous gifts mean more to me than you know. And, I love the poem.

It is a blessing and a privilege to serve alongside you at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church. I am grateful for this congregation, for the ways you care for one another, and for the world around us… near and far. I am grateful for the opportunity to share in the joys and challenges of ministry together.

You have made me feel loved and appreciated, and I thank God for each of you. Your kindness is a wonderful reminder that ministry is never a one-person effort, but a journey of faith we share together as the family of God.

Thank you for making Pastor Appreciation Month so special. I feel blessed to be your Pastor!

With Christ's Joy,

Pastor Barbara

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.
Hebrews 12:28

"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good; if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."

— C. S. Lewis, The Collected Letters of C. S. Lewis (adapted from his writings)

Craft CROP to Support Missions

Bring your craft project (any craft!) to Old Rock Church on Saturday 11/7 from 7am – 3pm. A $10 fee to support the church's missions programs allots you space at a table to work on your project and chat with friends. Lunch, snacks, and coffee are provided; please contact Norma Zimmerman at enzimmerman@comcast.net for more information.



For ages K thru grade 6

•REGISTER FOR•

Christmas Ornament Crafting

Sunday, December 6 • 1pm — 3pm

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Child's Date of Birth _____ | _____ | _____ Grade Just Completed _____

Address _____

Phone / Cell # (____) _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name and # _____

Allergies / Other conditions we should be aware of?

_____

Permission to photograph? ○ Yes ○ No

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, do hereby authorize emergency medical, dental, health or hospital services be rendered to my child upon consent of Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church staff member or designated volunteer. The purpose of this authorization is to permit my child to receive emergency medical attention if needed while involved in the activities connected with Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church's children's programs when I or my emergency contact is unavailable to give such consent.
Please do not send your child to camp if he/she has been ill during the past 24-48 hours.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

- **Bring a water bottle to keep you hydrated**
- **Wear clothes than can get paint or other art materials on them (or bring an apron)**
- **We look forward to having creative fun with you!**

Return this form by mail to **KMPC, PO Box 560, Ringoes, NJ 08551**
or email **admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org** or call **908.782.1177**





JOIN THE AVFC LADIES AUXILIARY FOR

Mahjong Night

At Amwell Valley Fire Company

22 John Ringo Road
Ringoes, New Jersey 08551

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH 6PM

$10 PER PERSON	$20 PER MAHJONG LESSON

All proceeds go to support Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church and its mission to fight food insecurity

DM Joanne Luster if interested, no later than October 30th

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